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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from:	Seasonally adjusted percent change from:	Seasonally adjusted percent change from:	Unadjusted indexes	Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 2003 from:	Seasonally adjusted percent change from:	Seasonally adjusted percent change from:
	Apr. 2003	Apr. 2002	Mar. 2003	Mar. to Apr.	Apr. 2003	Apr. 2002	Mar. 2003	Mar. to Apr.
All items	183.8	2.3	-0.2	-0.3	179.8	2.3	-0.3	-0.5
All items (1967=100)	550.5				535.5			
Food and beverages	179.0	1.3	-1.1	-1.1	178.3	1.2	-1.1	-1.1
Food	178.4	1.2	-1.1	-1.1	177.7	1.3	-1.1	-1.1
Food at home	177.3	1.5	-1.2	-1.2	176.4	1.6	-1.2	-1.2
Cereals and bakery products	201.9	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	201.8	2.0	-1.1	-1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	165.2	1.7	-1.2	-1.2	165.2	1.9	-1.2	-1.2
Dairy and related products	165.0	-1.7	-1.0	-1.0	165.6	-1.8	-1.0	-1.0
Fruits and vegetables	221.3	-1.9	-1.0	-1.4	220.0	-1.9	-1.0	-1.5
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	140.5	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	139.6	1.1	-1.1	-1.1
Other food at home	162.1	1.4	-1.3	-1.3	161.7	1.4	-1.2	-1.2
Sugar and sweets	161.4	1.1	-1.7	-1.4	160.9	1.9	-1.7	-1.7
Fats and oils	156.1	-1.3	-1.9	-1.1	156.2	1.0	-1.0	-1.1
Other foods	178.5	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	179.0	1.4	-1.1	-1.1
Other miscellaneous foods	110.4	2.2	-1.1	-1.1	110.9	2.2	-1.1	-1.1
Food away from home	181.1	2.2	-1.1	-1.1	181.0	2.2	-1.1	-1.1
Other food away from home	120.4	3.0	-1.1	-1.1	120.8	2.9	-1.1	-1.1
Alcoholic beverages	186.4	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	186.4	2.1	-1.1	-1.2
Housing	184.1	2.6	-1.1	-1.1	179.7	2.8	-1.1	-1.1
Shelter	212.1	2.2	-1.1	-1.1	205.9	2.4	-1.1	-1.1
Rent of primary residence	204.5	3.0	-1.1	-1.1	203.7	3.0	-1.1	-1.1
Lodging away from home	118.7	-2.8	-1.1	-1.1	119.0	-2.5	-1.2	-1.2
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	218.9	2.6	-1.1	-1.1	198.8	2.5	-1.1	-1.1
Tenants' and household insurance	114.2	4.5	-1.1	-1.1	114.6	4.3	-1.1	-1.1
Fuels and utilities	153.1	9.1	-1.1	-1.1	152.4	9.2	-1.1	-1.1
Fuels	136.2	10.5	-1.2	-1.2	135.7	10.4	-1.2	-1.2
Fuel oil and other fuels	147.9	28.5	-12.5	-11.0	146.9	28.1	-12.5	-11.7
Gas (piped) and electricity	143.0	9.5	-1.1	-1.1	142.1	9.8	-1.1	-1.1
Household furnishings and operations	123.2	-1.3	-1.1	-1.1	122.8	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1
Apparel	123.9	-3.8	-1.1	-1.1	122.8	-4.0	-1.1	-1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	120.8	-3.8	-1.1	-1.1	120.4	-4.3	-1.1	-1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	127.9	-3.6	-1.1	-1.1	125.5	-3.7	-1.1	-1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	123.0	-4.3	-1.1	-1.1	125.5	-4.7	-1.1	-1.1
Footwear	119.9	-3.8	-1.1	-1.1	119.9	-3.7	-1.1	-1.1
Transportation	159.3	3.4	-1.1	-1.1	159.5	3.8	-1.1	-1.1
Private transportation	155.5	3.9	-1.1	-1.1	155.9	4.1	-1.1	-1.1
New and used motor vehicles	97.8	-1.5	-1.1	-1.1	97.7	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1
New vehicles	139.7	-1.2	-1.1	-1.1	139.7	-1.3	-1.1	-1.1
Used cars and trucks	148.4	-2.2	-1.1	-1.1	149.2	-2.2	-1.1	-1.1
Motor fuel	145.4	15.8	-1.1	-1.1	140.8	15.7	-1.1	-1.1
Gasoline (all types)	139.9	15.8	-1.1	-1.1	140.2	15.7	-1.1	-1.1
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	107.7	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	107.1	1.0	-1.1	-1.1
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	194.6	3.0	-1.1	-1.1	194.3	3.0	-1.1	-1.1
Public transportation	207.2	-1.2	-1.1	-1.1	203.0	-1.7	-1.1	-1.1
Medical care	294.6	4.0	-1.1	-1.1	293.7	4.2	-1.1	-1.1
Medical care commodities	241.6	2.7	-1.1	-1.1	256.2	2.6	-1.1	-1.1
Medical care services	303.1	4.4	-1.1	-1.1	303.0	4.6	-1.1	-1.1
Professional services	259.8	2.9	-1.1	-1.1	261.9	2.9	-1.1	-1.1
Hospital and related services	188.7	7.3	-1.1	-1.1	184.9	7.8	-1.1	-1.1
Recreation	107.4	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	105.4	1.4	-1.1	-1.1
Video and audio	103.9	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	103.0	1.8	-1.1	-1.1
Education and communication	109.0	2.6	-1.1	-1.1	108.4	2.3	-1.1	-1.1
Education	131.2	6.4	-1.1	-1.1	130.9	6.2	-1.1	-1.1
Educational books and supplies	132.3	5.7	-1.1	-1.1	132.4	5.7	-1.1	-1.1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	177.1	6.5	-1.1	-1.1	168.6	6.2	-1.1	-1.1
Communication	90.5	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1	92.0	-1.4	-1.1	-1.1
Information and information processing	98.6	-1.6	-1.0	-1.0	90.7	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0
Telephone services	98.7	1.5	-1.0	-1.0	98.9	1.5	-1.0	-1.0
Information and communication processing other than telephone services	16.7	-10.2	-1.1	-1.1	17.4	-9.8	-1.1	-1.1
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	18.7	-18.3	-1.1	-1.1	18.5	-17.8	-1.1	-1.1
Other goods and services	298.1	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	306.4	1.4	-1.1	-1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	467.9	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	469.0	1.5	-1.1	-1.1
Personal care	177.7	1.9	-1.1	-1.1	176.7	1.6	-1.1	-1.1
Personal care products	154.1	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1	154.6	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1
Personal care services	192.5	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	193.2	2.4	-1.1	-1.1
Miscellaneous personal services	282.0	3.2	-1.1	-1.1	281.6	3.3	-1.1	-1.1
Commodity and service group								
Commodities	152.2	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	153.0	1.9	-1.1	-1.1
Food and beverages	179.0	1.3	-1.1	-1.1	178.3	1.2	-1.1	-1.1
Commodities less food and beverages	134.7	1.5	-1.1	-1.1	130.2	1.5	-1.1	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	157.3	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	154.0	2.9	-1.1	-1.1
Apparel	123.9	-3.8	-1.1	-1.1	122.8	-4.0	-1.1	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages less food, beverages, and apparel	173.9	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	178.3	1.1	-1.1	-1.1
Durables	119.2	-2.2	-1.1	-1.1	119.4	-2.2	-1.1	-1.1
Services	215.1	3.2	-1.1	-1.1	211.3	3.5	-1.1	-1.1
Rent of shelter	220.0	3.2	-1.1	-1.1	198.3	2.4	-1.1	-1.1
Transportation services	215.3	3.4	-1.1	-1.1	215.0	4.3	-1.1	-1.1
Other services	252.5	3.4	-1.1	-1.1	246.8	3.3	-1.1	-1.1
Special indexes								
All items less food	186.7	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	180.0	2.4	-1.1	-1.1
All items less shelter	174.7	2.2	-1.1	-1.1	172.2	2.2	-1.1	-1.1
All items less medical care	178.0	2.1	-1.1	-1.1	174.8	2.2	-1.1	-1.1
Commodities less food	138.6	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	140.0	1.4	-1.1	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages less food	154.3	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	154.0	2.9	-1.1	-1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages less food and apparel	174.2	1.3	-1.1	-1.1	178.4	1.1	-1.1	-1.1
Durables less rent of shelter	165.9	3.0	-1.1	-1.1	167.1	3.1	-1.1	-1.1
Services less medical care services	224.6	4.4	-1.1	-1.1	199.7	4.7	-1.1	-1.1
Energy	207.5	3.1	-1.1	-1.1	204.0	3.3	-1.1	-1.1
All items less energy	190.2	1.4	-1.1	-1.1	187.7	1.3	-1.1	-1.1
All items less food and energy	193.1	1.5	-1.1	-1.1	188.0	1.3	-1.1	-1.1
Commodities less food and energy commodities	142.5	-1.8	-1.1	-1.1	143.0	-1.9	-1.1	-1.1
Energy commodities	141.7	16.5	-1.1	-1.1	141.7	16.2	-1.1	-1.1
Services less energy services	222.5	2.9	-1.1	-1.1	219.0	3.0	-1.1	-1.1
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar								
(1982=84=100)	\$ 544	-	-	-	\$ 556	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1967=81=100)	\$ 182	-	-	-	\$ 187	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.
2 Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.
3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item status index series converted to a geometric mean estimator in January, 1999.
4 U-population indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

U-population indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
5 Indexes on a December 1988=100 base.
6 Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	All items				All items			
	CPI-U		CPI-W		CPI-U		CPI-W	
	Index	Percent change to Apr. 2003 from-	Index	Percent change to Apr. 2003 from-	Index	Percent change to Apr. 2003 from-	Index	Percent change to Apr. 2003 from-
	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003	Apr. 2003	Feb. 2003	Mar. 2003	Apr. 2003	Apr. 2003
U.S. city average	183.1	184.2	183.9	2.3	179.2	180.3	179.8	2.3
Region and area total								
Northwest urban	191.7	193.0	192.6	2.4	188.6	189.8	189.4	2.8
Size A - More than 1,500,000	193.5	194.4	194.6	2.7	189.1	190.0	189.6	2.9
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	113.8	115.0	114.4	2.3	114.0	115.2	114.5	2.5
Midwest urban	177.8	178.6	177.8	1.8	173.3	174.1	173.1	1.4
Size A - More than 1,500,000	180.0	180.7	179.7	1.4	174.6	175.4	174.3	1.2
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	112.8	113.6	113.2	2.3	112.5	113.1	112.4	2.2
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	172.5	173.0	171.7	2.1	170.1	170.4	169.3	2.0
South urban	174.4	177.5	177.4	2.5	172.9	175.0	174.7	2.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	178.3	179.1	178.9	2.7	175.7	176.5	176.3	2.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	112.5	113.3	113.3	2.3	111.7	112.5	112.3	1.9
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	174.8	175.4	175.5	2.9	174.8	175.7	175.4	2.5
West urban	188.1	189.3	188.8	2.0	183.2	184.7	184.2	2.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	190.9	192.1	191.7	2.4	184.4	185.9	185.4	2.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	114.5	115.4	114.9	1.1	114.0	115.1	114.7	1.4
Size classes								
A ³	187.5	188.4	188.0	2.3	183.8	184.8	184.3	2.4
B/C ⁴	113.1	114.0	113.7	2.1	112.4	113.5	113.1	2.0
D	178.0	178.9	178.3	2.3	174.7	175.4	174.9	2.1
Selected local areas⁵								
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	184.1	184.8	183.4	1.4	178.1	179.0	177.4	1.5
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	184.5	188.2	187.6	3.0	179.4	181.4	180.9	3.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	184.2	187.1	184.7	2.4	181.3	182.1	181.8	2.8
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-NE-CT	-	202.8	-	-	-	202.3	-	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-	175.4	-	-	-	187.1	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-	174.8	-	-	-	174.0	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV	-	115.9	-	-	-	115.5	-	-
Atlanta, GA	180.7	-	182.1	2.0	178.1	-	179.3	2.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	182.4	-	182.2	1.9	178.8	-	178.4	1.7
Houston-Galveston-Beaumont, TX	184.0	-	182.5	2.3	181.7	-	180.9	2.4
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	180.3	-	180.4	3.2	178.0	-	178.0	3.4
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	186.4	-	-	-	185.9	-	184.3	2.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	197.7	-	197.3	-	193.7	-	193.6	2.5
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	191.3	-	192.3	1.9	184.2	-	187.0	1.9

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions.

² Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

³ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁴ In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 2.1 and 2.2 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cincinnati-Hamilton, OH-KY-IN; Denver-Boulder-Granley, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Waukegan, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Salem, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁵ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

⁶ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. CPIs are published for two population groups: 1) The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Chained CPI for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U), which each cover about 87 percent of the total population. While the CPI-U and CPI-W are considered final when released, the C-CPI-U is issued in preliminary form and is subject to two annual revisions. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 (133.5/125.6=1.063); in*

other words, prices increased 6.3 percent. The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of other economic series, and an escalator for income payments.

More detail. This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical *CPI Detailed Report* for \$47 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U declined 0.3 percent in April, following an increase of 0.3 percent in March. Energy costs, which rose 4.6 percent in March, declined 4.6 percent in April. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy declined 8.4 percent and the index for energy services decreased 0.5 percent. The index for food fell 0.1 percent,

following a 0.2 percent increase in March. The index for food at home declined 0.2 percent. The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged for the second consecutive month in April after increasing 0.1 percent in both January and February.

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